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ADVICE TO GRADS

In this season of commencement oratory, when the young people of the nation are about to be given tons and tons of advice, which most of them hear and promptly forget, we would add our few words of wisdom, for what they are worth.

First of all, we would say to the young men and women, about to begin life for themselves, that they should guard against making the mistake that sets the acquisition of money as the first objective of their human endeavor.

We would, next, urge them to seek an understanding of the saying that happiness is to be found within one's self, rather than in other people, or external forces.

In the third place, we would suggest that, in their youthful zeal and enthusiasm, they should remember that the world is an old, old place, populated by an ancient race, and that human relationships and customs are not to be lightly challenged, or changed overnight, or thrown carelessly into the trashcan.

The fourth and last piece of advice we would offer, at least for this time, would be to try to induce them to seriously set their own values upon all things and, once convinced of the real value of anything, that they live their lives on the basis of their own honest appraisal.

This may seem like a small start to the average young person, who seeks to know all the answers, but it is, we think, enough for a start.

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THE TIGHT MONEY ISSUE

Democratic leaders have indicated that the main issue in next year's Congressional election may be tight money. Although some Democratic leaders hope to make foreign policy the main issue, tight money may well turn out to be the crucial issue of the campaigns of the coming year.

For example, Governor Averell Harriman, of New York, thinks the Eisenhower Administration's money policies are going to lead to unemployment. Governor Mennen Williams, of Michigan, says tight money policies are increasing the cost of living while hurting business, industrial workers and farmers.

Governor Foster Furcolo, of Massachusetts, believes high interest rates—a result of tight money—are creating difficulties in the highway construction program and in programs to improve schools and hospitals, and decrease the construction of both.

Governor Ernest W. McFarland, of Arizona, says the Democratic Party ought to enter the 1958 Congressional campaign with a program designed to end increases in interest rates and counter the mistaken tight money policies of the Administration.

The present Administration's tight money policies were designed to check inflation. There is some evidence that this effort has been a partial success. However, there is other evidence that the tight money policies have created a critical situation for some elements of the population. The economic trend in the United States between now and election time in 1958 will determine whether the tight money policies of the Administration prove to be a boomerang or have accomplished their primary goal.

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GETTING INTO COLLEGE

The average adult today may not realize how difficult it is becoming for high school students to get into the college of their choice. Especially in the highly-populated areas of our country, the task of enrolling at the college of his choice is becoming a difficult one for the American student.

Entrance requirements are getting tougher each year and the larger college enrollments, which expand faster than college facilities, are steadily increasing the number of colleges which receive far more applications than they can accept.

It is not uncommon for students nowadays to apply to three or four colleges, hoping to be accepted by one or two of them, which they prefer over the others. Naturally, the poor student finds it difficult to be accepted in the best colleges. But the above-average student finds himself with a good chance of getting into most colleges, although he sometimes has to start several years in advance to be accepted and enrolled in certain colleges.

Parents, on their part, should see to it that sons and daughters in high school select a college as early as possible and prepare themselves for its entrance examination. They should have in mind several alternate schools, so that their son or daughter will not have to go to a college which he dislikes because the first choices are unavailable.

Conditions are likely to get worse before they get better, for our 1940 college population of 1,500,000 has grown to three million and the experts tell us that by 1970 it will be six million.

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Background Scripture: Genesis 26:1-5, 12-33

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 55:6-13.

Man of Peace

Lesson for May 26, 1957

IN a hospital for the insane, the patients may think the doctors are crazy. In a land of three-legged men, a man with only two legs would look deformed. Maybe that is why in the world today people who speak a good word for Peace are looked on as somewhat "touched in the head." This is a warring world. It is a fact that the heathen ancestors of most readers of this column followed a religion in which heaven was thought to be a place where fighting went on all day and drinking all night. But north-Europeans are not the only fighters of the world. Wars and fights, large and small, have been going on in all parts of the world since cave-man times. This Twentieth Century is the bloodiest of all, with fewer wars than formerly, but far more serious ones.

Dr. Foreman

Surrender

Isaac, second son of Abraham, is known as a man of peace. But he must have seemed to be a rather odd man, around Gerar where he lived. He did not seem quite normal. He was willing, even eager, to make peace; but what lessons he endured in the making of peace? In the famous story of the Wells of Gerar, which is in our Scripture this week, we see Isaac giving up his comforts, his profits and even his rights, in order to keep peace. He moved farther and farther into the wilderness; he got no return on all the labor put in on the wells; and he actually gave up what he had a perfect right to keep —the wells themselves. It is very likely that a man or a nation that is going to stay at peace with the rest of the world, will, like Isaac, have to surrender some comforts, some profits, even some rights. A nation, or an individual, unwilling to make any concessions, yield any points or lower their profits, is headed for a fight. And the fight will cost more than what they fought to keep.

Sons of God

Nevertheless, peacemakers shall be called sons of God. So Jesus tells us; let it be noted that he said **peacemakers,** not peace-wishers, peace-praisers. This means that peacemakers are like God, they belong to his family. It means that the peacemaker is in line with the purposes of God. Consider Isaac again. What became of all the nations whose battles reddened the earth, whose wars were the big news, whose generals were famous men, whose conquests made history? The nations of that day are now dead, so dead that until recently—we know better now—there were some who thought the Bible's references to them must be fiction. Only university professors know about the Girgashites, the Philistines and all the rest, and they don't much care. But what became of Isaac? His name is immortal; the family descended from him is found everywhere in the world. The sons of Isaac are the most indestructible folk of history. When God sent his Son into the world, it was to the sons of Isaac that he first came, not to the children of the Philistines.

Witness of History

Sometimes the most peaceful men or nations are forced to fight. But the truly great are not those who keep the fight going on for years and years, but those who bind up the wounds they have made. Germany, at the time these lines are being written, shows an example. That nation was conquered by America and Russia, along with other nations. Today America and Russia are the two principal powers occupying Germany with their armies. But the part controlled by Russia is being systematically bled. The great Russian war memorial in east Berlin is lined with inscriptions (quoted from Stalin) insulting the German people; most prominent in East Berlin are great ruined empty buildings. In the west zone, controlled by the United States, there is comparative prosperity; this country is devoting immense sums to the upbuilding of our former enemies; most prominent in west Berlin is the rising new city built on the ruins of the old. It cannot be said that Germans love to be occupied by foreign armies. But they know the vast difference between a former enemy who turns as quickly as possible to the ways of peace, and an enemy that never knows the war is over.

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Washington Notes

GI'S IN TRAINING

The Veterans Administration has announced that more than 764,000 veterans are enrolled in training under the Korean G. I. bill. The agency said the figure would be even higher after all spring enrollment reports had been received. The previous high of 763,000 Korean veterans in training was reached last fall.

'OPEN SKIES'

Through the Voice of America, the United States is indicating that it is ready to take the first steps toward a partial "open skies" agreement with the Soviet Union. A study of the broadcasts seemed to show that the U. S. Government was willing to accept an aerial inspection plan limited initially to Europe, Alaska and the eastern reaches of Siberia. The Soviet Union recently suggested in London a plan that would cover Alaska, the western United States, Siberia, a small section of western Russia and much of Europe.

G. I. HOME LOANS

For the third straight month, appraisal requests for proposed new construction under the G. I. home loan program dropped during April, according to the V. A. The continued drop was in contrast to an upturn each spring in recent years and was seen by V. A. officials as indicating that builders expect a continuance of the tight money situation that has affected the program since 1955.

MEDICAL FRAUDS

Medical quackery by mail has reached "the highest level in history," according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. In the last year, 46 fraud orders were issued and 106 other persons or firms signed agreements "to discontinue their questionable enterprise, rather than attempt to defend the indefensible," said Mr. Summerfield.

COTTON EXPORTS

Cotton now owned by the Government is estimated at 2,700,000 bales and indications are that all of this will be disposed of by August 1, if not sooner. Exports of cotton fro present seaso 31, now are 000 to 8,000, record of 10,0 tablished in

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By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Have Storage Ready For Grain Harvest

When you have your storages cleaned, repaired and repaired for grain harvest time, which is not far away, you're bound for profit. Proper storage for grain means money in your pocket.

Grain storage should have smooth floors and tight floors. Metal strips at floor openings, at the bottom of the storm, and at the corners of the bins, will help keep out mice. Screens over windows and openings above bin walls also help. A good roof is a "must." You should have some arrangement to save labor in moving the grain. Some portable conveyors should be used which will move from a bushels a minute.

Farm stores will make up all orders will make it possible, and reduce storage.

Suggestions on grain are available free from the agent's office.

Important Factors Important For Pullets

Good management practices are important in growing pullets. Here are some timely suggestions: Place pullets to a good, clean place old enough to do without them entirely separate old birds and contaminated

Protect birds free of lice and mites. Provide shelter to protect the from weather, rodents and Plans for simple range shelters are available from the agent.

Provide shade if no natural is available. Two or three of corn or sunflowers will fill

Lamb Sales

Lamb sales have been scheduled Salisbury for June 3 and June lamb sales will be conducted the supervision of the State Marketing Service, and all lambs be delivered to the market 9 A. M., if possible, on the the sale.

Japanese Flower Treatments Available to Pest Control

Farmers who are shopping for purpose flower spray or should make sure that the spray contains chemicals control mites, insects and diseases.

Best way to find whether what you are buying will do the job is to read the label. Oil sprays and dusts contain a combination of chemicals available in garden supply These combinations are popular flower growers because simplify the task of protecting a favorite flower from its numerous enemies. To be considered "general purpose" a product should contain materials that are effective against the major types of pests.

Zineb, maneb, ferbam, captan, or copper-sulphate combination will control fungus diseases such as blackspot. Neither copper nor sulphur alone is very efficient, but the two work well together. Mites are controlled with aramite or malathion, and the insecticides most likely to be found in flower dusts and sprays are DDT, lindane, and malathion. The buyer would be wise to check the label to make sure there is at least one chemical for each type of pest he wants to control.

Dusts and sprays are equally effective. With either it is necessary to repeat treatments every week or two weeks throughout the growing season to maintain control. Rain washes chemicals off the leaves and encourages fungus growth and spread, so weekly treatment is wise in wet weather. Every two weeks may be often enough in dry weather unless insects are particularly active.

Prices Good in Series of Spring Cattle Sales

"Considerable optimism" was shown in the cattle market at the series of spring feeder cattle sales in Virginia this year.

Buyers paid an average of $24 per cwt. for the 3,331 head sold in the six sales, and Virginia farmers netted a fraction over $440,000.

The 2,669 head of steer cattle sold for an average of $23.75 per cwt. The 662 head of heifer cattle brought $19.40 per cwt.

Both steer and heifer prices showed notable increases over last fall, and were substantially higher than the spring sales of a year ago. Steer cattle were up $2 per cwt. over prices at the 1956 series of fall feeder calf sales; while heifer cattle were $3 over heifer prices of last fall.

Steer cattle showed the most gain from last year's spring sales, up $3.40 per cwt. Heifer prices increased by $2.50 from last spring.

Choice cattlle averaged almost $1 per cwt. over good grade, and good grade cattle topped medium-grade cattle by a little over $1 per cwt.

Sultan Mohammed of Morocco will visit the United States in November as the guest of President Eisenhower.

The U. S. raises forecast for the winter wheat crop.

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Vera

Vera, May 20.- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." —1 John 1:9.

We were thankful for the nice rain. It was badly needed. A lot of tobacco was planted after the rain.

Mrs. John Gunter and Mrs. Walker Covington took their classes to Lynchburg on Saturday. The children enjoyed seeing a plane land, and in the factories, and at the park, and their picnic lunch. The schools will close June 6.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette, and Mrs. Ida T. Morris visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Warter on Sunday. Other guests in this home were Mr. Lewis Harvey and Mr. Jimmie Harvey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday night.

STANDARD TOURS OF DUTY

The Secretary of Denefse has ordered the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force to work out standard tours of duty for the more than 1,000,000 men serving overseas, and also to follow a uniform policy on permitting families to go overseas with their service men. The Marine Corps has entered an exception to Mr. Wilson's order.

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Rural Mail Box Improvement Week Announced for June

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield called attention today to the Annual Rural Mail Box Improvement Program to be observed two weeks starting June 3.

The program this year has been broadened to include boxes on certain types of suburban "mounted" routes where the householder's box is close to the curb and is served by a carrier mounted on a vehicle.

Here are some points that will be stressed during the Rural Mail Box Improvement Program this year:

1. Where boxes are improperly erected or in unserviceable condition, patrons will be encouraged to provide suitable receptacles, erected and maintained for easy and safe accessibility, presenting a neat appearance, and affording protection to the mail.

2. Box holders will be urged to paint their boxes and box supports where needed.

3. Box owners will be urged to inscribe their names clearly on that side of the box which is clearly visible to the carrier as he approaches, if they have not alideady done so.

4. Postmasters and rural carriers will enlist the cooperation of patrons to group boxes together at one site along the road wherever practicable.

5. Box holders will be asked to make sure boxes are located on the proper side of the road.

The proper side of the road for the box is on the right hand side of the road in the direction the carrier drives when covering his route, unless the locality is such that it does not present a hazard or a violation of law for the carrier to cross to the left side of the road to make the delivery.

Mr. Summerfield noted that programs such as Rural Mail Box Improvement Program "have been of tremendous benefit in assuring safe delivery of the mails, and in helping to beautify rural America."

To show what progress has been made, Mr. Summerfield called attention to a Post Office Department Report of 1899 — when some of the first efforts were being made by postal authorities to improve rural mail boxes. The report stated, "extreme carelessness was manifested.. tomato cans, cigar boxes, drainage pipes upended, soap boxes and even sections of discarded stovepipes were used as mail boxes...."

KINDNESS PAYS

Houston, Texas.- Joseph Hughes, a bellhop, was bequeathed $500 in the will of Mrs. Jessica Lehman, a former guest of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, where Hughes worked from 1951 to 1953. Mrs. Lehman, wife of a wealthy printing firm owner, said, in her will, that Hughes treated them "as if we were the king and queen of the Palace."

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